

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 970 without my signature.

Under current law, a district loses the average daily attendance funding for students attending charter schools, but then does not recover that funding, in the prior year, if the students return to a non-charter school in that district. This bill was intended to address declining enrollment funding adjustment for students that transfer between charter and non-charter schools within a district. However, I am concerned that this bill is drafted in a way that may inadvertently create double funding issues. I am a strong supporter of charter schools and look forward to working with the author to address this important issue.

Therefore, I am unable to sign the bill at this time.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger